

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (NEW SYLLABUS) – 2015/2016  
FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL 3 (SECOND SEMESTER)  
SSU1242 – POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE AN INTRODUCTION**



**DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)**

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**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

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**Instructions:**

- **Answer only five (05) questions.**
- **Each question carries 20 marks.**
- **Use of examples to illustrate your answers would reward more marks.**
- **Please pay attention to your hand-writing.**

01. Describe the main functions of the Government.
02. Explain the challenges facing democracy within contemporary politics.
03. How republican and liberal tradition enrich the model of representative democracy.
04. Write short notes on 3 of the following topics
  - i. Gender
  - ii. Caste
  - iii. Class
  - iv. Civil society
  - v. Positive rights and negative rights
05. Is politics always bad? Explain your answer using relevant examples.
06. Describe how to build a political science inquiry? Provide two analytical examples
07. Explain the relationship between Authority and Legitimacy? Focus on the different types of authority in politics.
08. How to protect minorities in diverse societies? Write an essay on the state reform.